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1-PANAMA CITY.-CANAL TREATY: TREATY-RELATED STORIES IN ALL PAPERS

DEC. 2 INCLUDE FRONT PAGE ITEM FRONT PAGE BOTH SEMI-INDEPENDENT

LA ESTRELLA AND SISTER ENGLISH STAR AND HERALD ON U.S. ASST.

TREASURY SECY. ARNOLD NACHMANOFF CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY THAT

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RATIFICATION WPLL AFFECT PANAMANIAN ECONOMY. LA ESTRELLA HEADS

STORY, "U.S. TREASURY ASST. SECY. DECLARES RATIFICATION OF

TREATY WILL BRING CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN INVESTMENTS IN PANAMA,"

WHILE STAR AND HERALD'S HEAD IS, "U.S. ASST. SECY OF TREASURY:

DELAY IN TREATY RATIFICATION SLOWS RP ECONOMY."

2-ESTRELLA AND STAR & HERALD ALSO FRONT PAGE STORIES ON STEVENS

CODEL PRESS CONFERENCE DEC. 1, ESTRELLA'S HEAD, "U.S. SENATORS ASK AMENDMENT TO TREATY; LOPEZ GUEVARA (PANAMANIAN NEGOTIATOR) SURPRISED;" STAR & HERALD'S HEAD ON ANNE ZUSY AP STORY, "SOLONS SEE TREATY AMENDMENTS; RP NEGOTIATOR SHOCKED."

3-PRO-GOP MATUTINO AND CRITICA DO NOT MENTION STEVENS CODEL PRESS CONFERENCE, BUT BOTH CARRY, MATUTINO FRONT PAGE, CRITICA INSIDE PAGE, JOHN BARTON UPI ITEM, ON REP. JOHN MURPHY'S STATEMENTS ON TREATIES. MATUTINO'S HEAD IS, "JOHN MURPHY DEMANDS THEY REEDIT PANAMA CANAL TREATIES; PROVOCATION AND BLACKMAIL TO FORCE AMENDMENTS?", WHILE CRITICA SAYS, "MURPHY REJECTS TREATIES." MATUTINO ALSO FRONT PAGES MIAMI HERALD STORY, "(SEN. RICHARD) STONE PROPOSES DELAY IN TREATY VOTE."

4-MATUTINO COLUMNIST LUIS RESTREPO TAKES ISSUE WITH VISITING CODELS' ASSESSMENTS OF PANAMANIAN POLITICAL SITUATION AND ITS BEARING ON RATIFICATION VOTE. RESTREPO SAYS THAT TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVE OF A NEW TREATY, "PANAMA HAD TO SACRIFICE MANY OF THE BELIEFS FIRMLY ROOTED IN THE NATIONAL CONCIENCE AND SO GIVE IN BEFORE THE PRESSURES OF THE POWERFUL ONE WHO INSISTED ON PRIVILEGES THAT BURDENED THE DIGNITY OF THIS NATION."

5-RESTREPO CONTINUES THAT PANAMANIAN THOUGHT THEY HAD PAID FULL PRICE FOR NEW TREATY, BUT NOW ARE BEING ASKED TO PAY AN ADDITIONAL PRICE, WHEN VISITING GROUPS FROM U.S. ASK FOR CHANGES IN PANAMANIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM: "THE PANAMANIAN PEOPLE ARE BEING UNCLASSIFIED

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SUBJECTED TO A HUMILIATING PROCESS OF POLITICAL INVESTIGATIONS WHICH ARE DAMAGING TO THE POPULAR DIGNITY."

6-RESTREPO SAYS THAT THE VISITING LEGISLATORS CONDUCT THEMSELVES "AS IF THEY REPRESENTED THE HOLY SEE...THE VOTE OF THESE LEGISLATORS IS CONDITIONED ON THE RESULT OF THE POLITICAL INVESTIGATIONS GOING ON IN PANAMA: INVESTIGATIONS WHICH ARE CERTAINLY NOTHING MORE THAN AN OPEN INTERVENTION IN AFFAIRS WHICH ONLY CONCERN THE PANAMANIAN PEOPLE...PANAMANIAN FIND IT STRANGE...THAT THESE INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEES RECEIVE FULL COOPERATION IN CARRYING OUT THEIR TASKS."

7-RESTREPO CONCLUDES THAT "THIS NEW EXPERIENCE, A BITTER AND UNIQUE ONE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, IS...THE EXTRA PRICE WHICH WE MUST PAY SO THE US SENATE WILL ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE CANAL AND NEUTRALITY TREATIES. IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO KNOW THE REACTION OF THE SAME SENATORS IF GROUPS OF PANAMANIAN ARRIVED IN THE US TO BEGIN CONSULTATIONS ON THE VIOLATIONS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ETHNIC MINORITIES, ON ECONOMIC AGGRESSION... ON AGGRESSION AGAINST CUBA AND...THE CHILEAN PEOPLE. THEY SURELY WOULD NOT BE INCLINED TO ACCEPT SUCH INVESTIGATIONS AND CONSULTATIONS." ITEM UNQUOTE

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